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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Congressional Hearings on Greece

1. The following is for your information only.

2. The House Foreign Affairs Sub-committee on Europe, chaired by Congressman Benjamin Rosenthal of New York has scheduled hearings on Greece for the week beginning 16 July 1973. The hearings are apparently aimed at supplementing "Joint Hearings Held on the Political and Strategic Implications of Homeporting in Greece," before the House Sub-committees on Europe and the Near East in March and April 1972.

3. Although the hearings are apparently concerned primarily with the problems that have arisen with the Homeporting of the families of U.S. Navy personnel in Greece since 1971, it is likely that various broader questions of U.S. policy vis-a-vis Greece will arise. In this connection we cannot rule out some further discussion of the various false allegations regarding CIA involvement in the 1967 coup and support for the Junta which have appeared from time to time in the press, or been raised by various critics of U.S. policy on Greece. Such allegations might well be tied to recent developments such as the 23 May 1973 abortive Greek Navy mutiny; the 1 June 1973 decree abolishing the monarchy; and the referendum scheduled for 29 July 1973 confirming Papadopoulos as President of the new republic.

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